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## MINK PELT PRODUCTION UP 10 PERCENT

**HARRISBURG --- Pennsylvania** mink pelt production in 1999 totaled 74,000 pelts, up 10 percent from 1998, according to the Pennsylvania Agricultural Statistics Service. Average prices for mink pelts produced in Pennsylvania are not available.

Female mink bred to produce kits in 2000 totaled 18,300, down 3 percent from the previous year. There were 11 mink farms producing pelts in 1999, which was the same as last year.

**United States'** mink pelt production in 1999 totaled 2.81 million pelts, down 4 percent from 1998. Wisconsin, the major mink producing state, produced 731,700 pelts.

Mink pelts produced during the 1999 crop year were valued at \$94.8 million dollars, compared with \$72.9 million a year ago. The average price per pelt for the 1999 crop year was \$33.70, up 36 percent from \$24.80 in 1998.

Female mink bred to produce kits in 2000 totaled 660,400, down 2 percent from the previous year. There were 404 mink farms producing pelts in 1999, down 8 percent from a year ago. Leading states were Utah with 110 farms, Wisconsin with 82 farms, and Minnesota with 40.